
The history of Protestant Christianity during the present century has been a history of progress and aggression. There is an almost immeasurable distance between the Churches of the present and the Churches of eighty or a hundred years ago. We now look back upon those days as days of small things. There was but little of the spirit of enterprise and benevolence. The preaching was stiff and cold and formal, the orthodoxy was grim and uncompromising, and each Church was devoted more to its immediate and secular interests than to the general dissemination of the Gospel. In the department of home missions, churches put forth but little energy. The Sabbath-school and Sunday-school were feeble, little had been done for education by the Churches, and nothing was attempted in the direction of missions to the heathen. The country, just emerged from the war which established its independence, was not populous or strong financially. It was new and needed all the capital and energy that could be employed to develop its resources, and the Churches were absorbed in the simple duty of erecting houses of worship, in strengthening their local organizations, and in providing for the education of their ministers. The Churches did not look beyond their own needs; they contented themselves with providing for those needs. The English Churches, which were in far better circumstances, were doing no more than the American Christians for the conversion of the heathen. Its religious distinctions were in foreign missions. When Carey, the famous Indian missionary proposed at a meeting of ministers at Northampton, as a topic for discussion, "The Duty of Christians to Attempt to Spread the Gospel among Heathen Nations," old Dr. Hymond, in a voice of thunder, bade him sit down. "When," said he, "God pleases to convert the heathen, He will do it without your aid or mine." The English Churches, the Danish and the Dutch Protestants had done something in the line of foreign missions, but their expenditures were small and the results accomplished insignificant. The growth of the great work of foreign missions from that period to the present is not paralleled by any chapter of progress in the history of the Christian Church. In the intervening years the opposition and indifference of the heathen world have been overcome, the curse-strings of Christians of all denominations have been loosed to a marvellous extent, and men have been raised up who cheerfully give themselves to the advancement of the cause. The sacrifices made by those who go to strange lands and among the lowest and most savage of human kind to preach and teach, and by those who so generously contribute of their substance for the conversion of the heathen world, are a most striking proof of the practical force and reality of the Christianity of to-day, so often flippantly called degenerate. It is evident that the truths of the Gospel are not perceived simply as an intellectual creed, but become a living and dominating force in the moral life and affections. This mission work is the glory of the Christian Church. Many able men and millions of money have been sent to Asia, Africa, and Polynesia, and yet, singular as it may seem, home work is in nowise narrowed or crippled thereby. The spirit of liberality has been cultivated by the sacrifices made for foreign missions, and large gifts for this cause are always attended by increased contributions for benevolent purposes at home. The influence of the mission work on the church in conducting them has been salutary. The Churches have been strengthened when their missions have gained new converts.

The number of foreign mission societies in the world is seventy-five or more, and the aggregate annual reports are counted by millions.—*N. Y. Times.*

The prevailing prices of apples in the London market last month was 25s. 30s. for American; extra Baldwins, 3s.; English apples—dessert, 15s. to 3s.; kitchen, 8s. to 10s. The Lady apple, in boxes of twelve, brought 1s. 6d. 3s. 6d. per box.

DETROIT MARKETS.

CORN—Choice white..... 4 50/25 25
Medium..... 4 00/24 25
Low grade..... 3 00/23 00
BREAD—Extra white..... 1 00/21 00
Extra white..... 1 00/21 00
Amber..... 1 00/21 00
Rye..... 40/42 1/2 per bush.
WHEAT—No. 1..... 31 30/31 30 per cent for state
No. 2..... 46/47 1/2
Unskipped 60c/61 1/2 per bush Pick
ed 21 60
BARLEY—22 to 25 21/2
OATS—Prime quality, 92/10. Medium 8 to 9
KIDNEY BEANS—30 to 35
PEAS—\$3 50/34 00 per buhl.
DRIED APPLES—32/24 cts per B.
POTATOES—\$1 00/32 1/2 per ton.
GREENS—(green 50c/55 cts; cured, 74/75 1/2
cwt.) 10/11 1/2
CABBAGES—50/100 per lb.
MUTTONS—Bernadua, 51 60 per bush.
PORK—Old 60/85c per bush. New \$5.0
66 per lb.
BACON—Cured Hams 510 (25/30); Land-
ed, 45/60c; Bacon, 75c; extra Meas
50c, 50/100, per buhl.
BUTTER—Barnard, 43 15 per cwt; 44
Turkeys—90/130c, per B; Live chicken
per pair 55/45c.
EGGS—\$3 50/33 50 per bushel. Tim-
othy 31 75c 20 cts per bu.
SHEEP SKINS—75 to 81, to \$1.50.
FUR—Squirrel, 11/21 to 10 per buhl; Onondaga
10/12
—43 00/26 00 per cord.
HOL—New York quotations; domestic fleece 31
at 41c; pulled, 20 to 28c; unwashed 10
to 15c.

Detroit Stock Market.

The receipts of live stock at the Michi-
gan Central stock yards last week were:
14,405; hogs, 13,405; sheep, 47. The
market was very dull Saturday, a large
portion of the cattle being unsold. A
large number of cattle by Wm. Wren-
dell & Co., who had the stock shipped to
Detroit from direct from the farm. From
dressed 25 per cent. from last week. One
sale of clipped sheep was sorted at \$3.60.

Receipts of live stock at the principal sales
places: 11 mixed, at \$4.00 per head; 1
cwt; 7 steers, at 560 lbs, at \$4.10 per
cwt; 3 steers, at 965 lbs, at \$3.75 per cwt;
12 mixed, at 525 lbs, at \$3.45 per cwt; 12
cows, at 445 lbs, at \$3.15 per cwt; 21 mil-
k cows, at 485 lbs, at \$2.85 per cwt; 4 steers,
1,063 lbs, at \$4.35 per cwt; 2 steers, at
1,045 lbs, at \$3.75 per cwt; 3 cows, at 950
lbs, at \$3.50 per cwt; 1 bull, 1,000 lbs,
133 cwt, 6 steers, at 940 lbs, at
\$3.55 per cwt; 1 cow and calf, 900 lbs, at
\$3.25; 2 cows, at 1,185 lbs, at \$3.65 per
cwt; 1 cow, at 1,000 lbs, at \$3.40 per
cwt; 5 good steers, at 1,300 lbs, at \$4.60 per
cwt; 1 cow, at 1,000 lbs, at \$3.40 per
cwt; 2 steers and 1 cow, at 1,300 lbs,
at \$3.55 per head.